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EPA 2015 Changes to UST Regulations

The EPA underground storage tank (UST) regulations have been in place for more than 25 years, revisions to those rules went into effect on October 13, 2015, impacting many existing UST programs in the United States. The changes will better protect public health and the environment by improving the prevention and detection of underground storage tank releases.

New operation and maintenance requirements address UST systems that were deferred in the 1988 UST regulation. The changes include:

- Adding secondary containment requirements for new and replaced tanks and piping
- Adding operator training requirements
- Adding periodic operation and maintenance requirements for UST systems
- Adding requirements to ensure UST system compatibility before storing certain biofuel blends
- Removing past deferrals for emergency generator tanks, airport hydrant systems, and field-constructed tanks
- Updating codes of practice
- Making editorial and technical corrections



For further information: Visit: <http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/revregs.html>. Informational brochure developed by EPA: “*Musts for USTs.*” <http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/regs2015-musts.pdf>. [Comparison of 2015 Revised UST Regulations and 1988 UST Regulations,](#)” and “[Red Line Strikeout of 40 CFR part 280 and 40 CFR part 281](#)”

What Is Stormwater Smart?

“Be Stormwater Smart” and visit our website for Best Management Practices you can use to reduce the risk of adding pollutants to stormwater. <http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater>

You can also use this website to learn more about Tempe’s Stormwater Management Program, to report illicit discharges to storm drains, or to file a stormwater related complaint.

Remember that it is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain!

As required by Tempe’s stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call: (480) 350-2678.

